

BRIDGE FOR MANCHESTER

Alderman Rudd, the Energetic Father of the Movement, Still Active.

INCUMBENTS HOPE TO WIN

Candidate Robinson Making No Fight—Meeting of Dalmio Klan—Mayor's Court.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch. Alderman Rudd, of the First Ward, is well known in Richmond. He has been a valuable member of Council for several years, and is a member of the School Board and the Finance Committee. Mr. Rudd was the first to suggest the free bridge scheme, several years ago, and he has never let up on the proposition. He is anxious to have the scheme go through, for he thinks it will not only be a benefit to the First Ward, but to the whole city.

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The general impression is that all the incumbents in Council will win out at the election on next Tuesday.

The names endorsed by the "opposition" for Council will be supported by the Republican voters, as leading members of that party were prominent at the mass meeting, at which the names were mentioned. With the Republicans and others who are opposed to the incumbents, the "opposition" hopes to win, but indications point to a full return of the incumbents.

Mr. B. M. Robinson, candidate for the Board in the Fourth Ward, said last night that the impression that he was canvassing against Mayor Maurice was false.

"The only candidate I am looking out for myself," said Mr. Robinson last night, "is myself, and I haven't seen a dozen voters even in that respect. The report that I am working against any one is false."

OLYMPIA CLUB. This popular organization is already making arrangements for its regular summer outing at Ocean View.

Colonel Billy Allen, the "dust" man, said last night he thought the vacation this year would be more notable than ever. The club is a social as well as a political power.

COUNCIL MEETING. The regular meeting of the City Assembly will be held at 8 o'clock to-night. There is nothing of public interest expected to come up at the meeting.

DALMO KLAN. Imperial High Potentate A. L. Sampson has issued orders to the nobles of Dalmo Klan to assemble in regular meeting at the Masonic Temple on next Friday night at 8 o'clock.

This Klan is a unique aggregation. What they do to a fellow when he attempts to get in nobody knows. The members, however, swear by the Klan and they say they would not be out of the organization for anything. The result is that nearly a hundred of the best citizens are in the fold.

MAYOR'S COURT. Mayor Maurice had little to do yesterday. The only cases before him were those of two craps-shooters. They were charged the usual fee of \$2.50 and costs each.

The fines from the Police Court during the past year have helped pay the costs of running the government in a large way.

PERSONAL AND BRIEFS. The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Stockton Street Church will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. P. Angel, No. 213 East Eleventh Street, on Friday, May 19, at 8 o'clock.

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MEN'S SMART CLOTHES.

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Fair-ing or
Staying HomeSUMMER SUITS
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Fairing or staying home
are here now ready for you
to put on.The Smart and Swagger
Sack Suits for Men, specially
priced at\$15.00
are the peers of any merchant
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there are others at \$10
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MR. J. T. SLOAN GETS SAND CONTRACT

City Dredging Work Reported to Committee as in Fine Shape.

The Committee on Improvement of James River met in the City Hall last night in special session to consider proposals for sand to be pumped ashore by the new city dredge. After reading the specifications under which the contract was to be let, the bids were opened and the contract awarded to James T. Sloan, the highest bidder. Other bidders were J. C. Chentwood and C. M. Weinbrunn. The delivery of sand under this contract is to continue until the end of the present year.

The City Engineer was authorized and instructed to construct such necessary dykes as he may deem proper for the retention of material to be pumped ashore and deposited in the flats adjoining Olille's Creek.

The City Engineer submitted a detailed report of the trial test of the new dredge as to endurance, capacity, etc. All of the tests have not yet been completed, but the dredge is now at work in the harbor, and will be put through remaining tests in a few days, when the committee will meet to receive a final report and take action with reference to acceptance.

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M. U. "Those women who labored in the gospel" have helped.

Concerning the Hakka Home fund, the secretary says:

The pathetic appeal for a home for our devoted missionaries at Yung-tai in the Hakka country, strengthened by the death of our brave pioneer and martyr, S. T. Williams, and the heroic conduct of his equally brave wife, did not fail on unheeding ears at Savannah, but generous response was made in gifts and pledges of \$1,000 to the Williams Memorial Home. So deep has been the interest in this greatly needed residence for our missionaries—if their previous lives are to be preserved—that the collections have grown beyond the amount pledged and have reached the sum of \$2,000, with probably more subscribed that has failed of designation. "Small, damp, crowded, insanitary 'hired houses'" are more to be deplored for our missionaries than for ourselves in this country. "Our substitutes" deserve and need the most uplifting home surroundings to tone their minds for the depressing influences outside.

The report goes on to give the work of the Woman's Missionary Union in detail, and shows that last year the women increased their contributions to Foreign Missions \$1,000. Home Missions \$200 and in box valuation for Home Missions, \$4,415. In concluding her report, the secretary says:

"We can do no better than echo the thought of the opening of the report, by repeating the words of the prayer, 'Lord, let us have cumulative mercies to W. M. U. in the year that has just closed. The past is glowing with His blessings upon the consecrated labor of His children. The future is rich in promise of greater things in store. Encouraged equally by His past mercies and His future promises, let us start again upon another twelve-month with a quickened pace, a wider outlook, a higher aim and a deeper faith in our Father God.'"

Dr. D. B. Gray, the secretary of the Home Mission Board, and W. W. Wells, its treasurer, made short addresses to the union.

A collection for a chapel in Cuba was conducted by Mrs. Ward, of Mississippi, and in about three minutes the Women's Mission Board presented were needed for three thousand dollars.

At the afternoon session much routine business was disposed of and the meeting heard a thrilling missionary address by Dr. Williams.

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HOLD CONVENTION IN ARMY HALL

Virginia Democrats Will Assemble There June 9th to Choose National Delegates.

The Democratic State convention will be held in the Seventieth regiment armory (formerly known as the First regiment armory), the massively constructed building at the southeast corner of Seventh and Marshall Streets, where several other conventions have been held. The convention will assemble at noon on June 9th, Thursday. It will consist of about fifteen hundred delegates.

The decision upon this hall was reached yesterday by the committee at the Chamber of Commerce. There were present besides the two chairmen, Messrs. W. W. Harrison, H. H. Hawkins, Coleman Workman, Robert Lecky, Jr., M. P. Fry, Colonel John Murphy, Mr. Hill Montague, Mr. A. B. Williams and Mr. Atkinson, of the Richmond Hotel.

The armory is centrally located within two or three blocks of the city hall, and in easy reach of all. It was the seat of the convention which nominated Governor McKinney in 1880, and again in the convention of 1892, when the memorable and prolonged struggle between the two factions, the "